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SUBJ: UNSYG WALDHEIM VISIT TO ZAMBIA

1. UNSYG ARRIVED ZAMBIA MAY 21 FOR TIGHT PROGRAM OF TALKS (INCLUDING PRESIDENT), SOCIAL OCCASIONS AND VISIT TO RHODESIA BORDER AREA AT LIVINGSTONE AND KAZUNGULA. TALKS FOCUSED ON BORDER CLOSURE AND OTHER SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS, BUT NO DETAILS RELEASED.

2. IN ADDRESS AT RECEPTION FOR WALDHEIM EVENING MAY 21, FOREIGN MINISTER REFERRED TO MEMORANDUM GIVEN SYG ON GRZ VIEWS AND PROPOSALS REGARDING SOUTHERN AFRICA (LUSAKA 947). STRESSED PARTICULARLY " NEGATIVE POLICIES" GREAT POWERS AS REASON FOR PERPETUATION OF RHODESIAN REGIME AND RACIAL INJUSTICE IN REGION. CALLED ON UN TO CONCENTRATE ON REMOVING CAUSES OF RACIAL TENSION RATHER THAN SPENDING TIME ON EFFECTS OF SUCH TENSIONS.

2. WALDHEIM RESPONDED FROM PREPARED TEXT IN MUCH THE SAME TERMS AS SIR ROBERT JACKSON ADDRESS TO UNESCO MAY 17. PRAISED WHAT ZAMBIA HAS ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR IN COPING WITH BORDER CLOSURE
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AND IN CAUSE OF AFRICAN INDEPENDENCE. CALLED ON UN MEMBERS TO ASSIST ZAMBIA AND PLEDGED DO ALL IN HIS POWER TO SUPPORT ZAMBIA IN OVERCOMING RHODESIAN CHALLENGE. WALDHEIM MADE SIMILAR STATEMENTS FOLLOWING DAY DURING BORDER VISIT AND UPON DEPARTURE MAY 23. IN WAKE OF LAND MINE INCIDENT HEADLINED DURING HIS VISIT (LUSAKA 945), HE CONDEMNED SUCH ACTS AS " SENSELESS, SHOCKING AND INEXCUSABLE" AND COMPLIMENTED ZAMBIAN ARMY FOR " WONDERFUL SERVICE TO ZAMBIA" IN MAINTAINING SECURITY.

4. IN BRIEF TALK AT PRESS CLUB DINNER MAY 21, SYG CENTERED ON NAMIBIA PROBLEM. ACKNOWLEDGING LITTLE PROGRESS MADE ON FUNDAMENTALS, HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IN COURSE CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICANS IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS HAD NEVERTHELESS BEEN WRUNG FROM SAG.
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